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1. MILITARY SITUATION: THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF ANY
SIGNIFICANT CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. THERE WAS LIMITED AIR
ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE OVER BOTH
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THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN LINES AND SOME EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE
ACTIVITY ON THE SUEZ FRONT.

2. UNEF: DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING A LIMITED WAIVER ON RE-

QUIREMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR U.S. AIRLIFT OF UNEF.
WAIVER WOULD BE LIMITED TO INITIAL IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY
AIRLIFT OF UN PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES TO ME.

PANAMANIAN HAVE INFORMED US THAT UN HAS ACCEPTED
PANAMA'S OFFER OF CONTRIBUTION TO UNEF AND THAT PANAMA
WAS PUTTING TOGETHER A 392-MAN FORCE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO
DEPART ON OR ABOUT NOV. 10. OUR EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO
DETERMINE WHETHER REQUEST FOR U.S. AIRLIFT WILL BE MADE.

A POLISH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE HAS BEGUN FORMATION OF A POLISH UNIT FOR UNEF
AND THAT A GROUP OF POLISH EXPERTS WILL LEAVE POLAND
NOV. 6 FOR EGYPT TO HOLD TALKS WITH GENERAL SIILVASUO,
INTERIM UNEF COMMANDER.

3. US/USSR OBSERVERS FOR UNTSO: AFTER EXTENSIVE
NEGOTIATIONS, WE AND SOVIETS ARE REACHING AGREEMENT ON
RESPECTIVE PERSONNEL LEVELS TO PARTICIPATE IN UNTSO.
ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADOR SCALI PERSONALLY NOTIFIED UNSYG
NOVEMBER 5 THAT IF LATTER EXTENDS INVITATION TO U.S. AND
SOVIET GOVERNMENTS, EACH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING
TO CONTRIBUTE 36 PERSONNEL TO UNTSO. SCALI EMPHASIZED
THAT THERE SHOULD BE FULL INTEGRATION OF AMERICAN AND
SOVIET OBSERVERS IN UNTSO WITH NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES,
AND THAT NEITHER GOVERNMENT IS TO HAVE MORE PERSONNEL
THAN THAT OF ANY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED IN UNTSO--
(E.E., SWEDEN WHICH NOW HAS 36). SCALI POINTED OUT
SPECIFICALLY TO SOVIET REP MALIK THAT FIGURE OF 36 IS
ALL-INCLUSIVE TOTAL APPLYING TO MILITARY MEN, INTER-
PRETERS AND/OR ANY OTHER SPECIALISTS. SYG WILL BEGIN
DRAFTING LETTER ACCEPTING THIS OFFER.

OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN AHMED ANIS SAID THAT FIFTY
SOVIET OBSERVERS, INCLUDING TWENTY TRANSLATORS, HAVE
ARRIVED IN EGYPT BUT THAT THESE OBSERVERS HAVE NOT
BEEN EMPLOYED BECAUSE NO INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
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FROM UNSYG CONCERNING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN UNTSO. IN
ANSWERING QUESTION BY WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT
JIM HOAGLAND, ANIS STATED THAT EGYPT NOT RPT NOT OPPOSED
TO ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. OBSERVERS.

4. EGYPTIAN POSITION ON POWS AND CEASEFIRE: EGYPTIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY INFORMED SYG WALDHEIM NOVEMBER 5
THAT EGYPT WILL MAKE NO CONCESSIONS ON POWS UNTIL ISRAEL
RETURNS TO OCTOBER 22 LINES. WALDHEIM REPORTED THAT
FAHMY WAS "VERY FIRM" AND ADDED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY
FOR WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, INCLUDING UN, TO PUT PRESSURE
ON WASHINGTON TO FORCE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW. SYG SAID
FAHMY CREDITED SECRETARY KISSINGER WITH SINCERE EFFORTS

TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONS FROM ISRAEL, BUT REPORTED KISSINGER NOT SUCCEEDING IN BUDGING ISRAELIS. CONSEQUENTLY, FAHMY SAID, THERE IS NO BREAKTHROUGH IN RESOLVING CEASEFIRE IMPASSE. FAHMY REPORTEDLY TOLD AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR THAT POW ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE TIED TO BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATION PROCESS AND COMPLAINED THAT ISRAELIS WERE MAKING POW RELEASE A CONDITION TO LIFTING OF BLOCKADE OF EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY.

EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN, MAJOR GENERAL MUKHTAR, IN PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 5, REITERATED THAT EGYPT'S VIEW IS THAT IS IS EASY TO DEFINE THE CEASEFIRE LINES OF OCTOBER 22 BECAUSE EACH SIDE KNOWS THE POSITION IT OCCUPIED ON OCTOBER 22 AND, IN THIS RESPECT, REFERRED TO ISRAELI STATEMENT MADE ON OCTOBER 22 AND ARMED FORCES GENERAL COMMAND STATEMENT ISSUED ON OCTOBER 24. MUKHTAR ALSO REFERRED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 26 TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS A COLLAPSE IN THE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF ITS APPLICATION AND THAT THIS LED TO SOME TERRITORIAL GAINS FOR ISRAEL. EGYPT, ACCORDING TO MUKHTAR, NOTIFIED THE UNTSO CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFINED CEASEFIRE POINTS.

CONCERNING POWS MUKHTAR STATED EGYPT BEGAN HANDING OVER POWS FIVE DAYS AGO BUT THAT ISRAELIS HAVE NOT BEGUN TO DO SO. HE ADDED THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE VISITED ALL ISRAELI PRISONERS IN HOSPITALS IN EGYPT AND THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING CORRECT AND PROPER TREATMENT.

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5. SYRIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS: SYRIAN DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT UN HAS VOLUNTEERED TO USUN, ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION SINCE OCTOBER 23, THAT SYRIA'S ACCEPTANCE OF UNSC RESOLUTION 338 DEFINITELY MEANS SYRIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS UN RESOLUTION 242. SYRIA HAS REITERATED THIS THEME USUALLY IN CONTEXT OF NECESSITY FOR USG TO ENSURE EARLY ISRAELI COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RESOLUTIONS SINCE ALL ARAB STATES IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED HAVE ACCEPTED THEM.

6. ISRAELI POLITICAL SITUATION: THERE HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS AFTER THE ISRAELI CABINET MEETING DURING THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 5. TERSE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ELAZAR, MERELY SAID THAT P.M. MEIR HAD REPORTED ON HER WASHINGTON TALKS. ISRAELI OFFICIALS WERE ALSO SILENT ABOUT TALKS FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN IS NOW HOLDING IN ROMANIA, AMONG SPECULATION THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BUCHAREST FOR CONTACTS WITH A SOVIET OR ARAB EMISSARY. CLEARER INDICATION OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THINKING IS EXPECTED ON NOVEMBER 7 WHEN MRS. MEIR IS SCHEDULED TO

ADDRESS THE KNNESSET. IN MEANTIME, ISRAELI MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, SHI'MON PERES, SAID ON NOV. 5 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING BANNING USE OF PRIVATE CARS ON ONE DAY DURING THE WEEK AND REDUCING ROAD SPEEDS. WAYS ARE ALSO BEING SOUGHT TO SAVE ON ELECTRICITY AND HEATING.

7. SUPPLEMENTAL AID BILL FOR ISRAEL: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE RUSH AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS TESTIFIED NOV. 6 ON BEHALF OF ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR DOLS 2.4 BILLION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AID TO ISRAEL AND CAMBODIA. PRESS REPORTS STATED THAT BOTH MEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TOTAL COST OF RESUPPLY OPERATIONS TO ISRAEL WOULD BE MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING ASKED. CLEMENTS SAID SOVIETS HAD SUPPLIED AT LEAST 100,000 TONS OF AMMUNITION AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE ARABS SINCE OCT. 6 AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD ALREADY SUPPLIED DOLS 1.5 TO DOLS 2 BILLION IN ARMAMENTS TO THE ARABS BEFORE WAR
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